

Today

More War, Says Shaw.
Fine Marketing These Days.
The Princess Weeps.
The Donkey Died.
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George Bernard Shaw believes war is coming between England and America. He says:

"War between England and America is, therefore, inevitable. Since the war it has been clear to everyone with any diplomatic flair that the United States must gravitate toward an alliance with Germany—war between an alliance of the centralized French Republic with the British Empire against an alliance of federated republicans of the United States with those of Central Europe."

That is an extract from Shaw's article, to be published in the Hearst newspapers next Sunday.

With all respect to Shaw, it ought to be possible for the United States to avoid war by making the prospect too dangerous for any attacking nation or group of nations.

The right flock of flying machines, the right fleets on the water and under water, would enable the United States to mind its own business and make other people mind theirs without fighting about it. But it is an unpleasant fact that the great war that should have ended wars apparently opens the way to innumerable future quarrels.

Fighting is as contagious as the measles. Every statesman and bartender knows that.

In these days the big man goes to market—needs a new safe to hold new securities. Copper concerns, oil concerns, General Motors (greatest industrial concern in the country except one) are among bargains gathered in.

Occasionally, in old days, some prophet announced the end of the world. Then wise men bought real estate bargains from people that thought they wouldn't need land any more. The world did not end; the real estate buyers were the gainers.

So with an occasional cataclysm in the stock market. Fools think the world is coming to an end and sell at any price. The wise go marketing.

By and by it will be discovered that the world of Wall Street is not going to end. The wise men will have the stocks, the little lambs will have the experience.

There is a cry "in the heart" of some big speculator. He had borrowed ten millions on Sinclair Oil, which has recently done some sweet tumbling. The bargain hunters have also grieved investors of Chile Copper at the rate of one hundred and fifty thousand shares or more a day. Financial prediction for the next six months: Bright sunshine for a few, stormy weather for the others.

Princess Troubetzkoy concludes, with tears, that she made a mistake in marrying "a commoner"—otherwise, W. S. Schutz, prosperous citizen of Milwaukee.

The princess, it seems, has an extra husband living, and Mr. Schutz is no polyandrist. While tears glisten, the princess asks: "What does it all matter? I may not be here long."

It does seem strange that Dido rampaged so violently on the beach, Heloise mourned so hard, Cassandre fussed so much, had the snake bite her, said that women have gone through so many conception fits, since we are only soap bubbles, blown up, broken and forgotten.

Many things are vague in the future but the tax proposition is not vague. It has been decided by those that pay big income taxes, they run the country—that big income tax is a failure and the nation must go back to the good old plan of "letting the people carry the load."

The idea is to make everybody contribute to the Government one cent on every dollar spent on the theory that nobody notices a cent given to the Government, while the man who has to pay a million feels it keenly.

It has been shown that, for the present, in this country, high income taxes, excess profits taxes, and similar efforts to make those that the Government protects pay for the Government protection, will not work. There have been issued now, in the United States, fifteen thousand million dollars worth of securities, municipal bonds, State bonds, etc., on which the Government can collect nothing. That means huge tax dodging. Untaxed stock dividends mean more dodging.

The load of taxation is going onto the backs of the little people, and no one needs be surprised.

It is La Fontaine's pleasant fable brought up to date. The plague was killing off the animals. The lion called a meeting. The beasts decided that, to placate angry divinity, some animal must die. With unanimous consent the donkey was chosen.

In the matter of taxation, the donkey is going to be chosen again, and after all he is used to it. He will bray, but carry the load, and presently forget that it is on him.

FIVE BURNED TO DEATH IN NEW YORK APARTMENT HOUSE FIRE

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MOTHER SLAIN, BABY SHOT; SERVANT HELD

Six Irishmen With Bombs Seized in Glasgow, Scotland

FOUR WOMEN FIRE VICTIMS

Film Star Among 200 Trapped by Flames in Spectacular Blaze.

NEW YORK, Dec. 2.—Trapped on the third, fourth, and fifth floors of a West Fifty-seventh street apartment house, five persons—four of them women—were burned to death today despite the frantic efforts of a young woman, Miss Annette Bracy, to arouse all the sleeping tenants.

Miss Bracy occupied a room on the third floor, and when the fire, of unknown origin, swept up through a dumb-waiter to the upper floors, she gave the alarm, called to roommates, knocked on their doors and with Mrs. Irwin Coyle, wife of the proprietor, refused to leave the building until almost overcome by smoke and heat.

More than 200 persons were driven into the street, many of them in their night attire, and several thrilling rescues were made. Firemen had difficulty in fighting the blaze.

Miss Marjorie Lescomb, English film star and one of the dead, is said to be related to British nobility. Two sisters perished in the fire, Mrs. G. Boswell Reid, California opera singer, and Mrs. Jessie Jenkins, the latter having come to New York a week ago so as to be near her daughter, who is in school here.

The blaze was discovered by Miss Bracy, twenty-three, who lived on the third floor. As soon as she smelled smoke she hurried a book through a window of her bedroom and screamed for help. This aroused a family in an adjoining apartment house, who summoned the fire department.

Firemen said Miss Bracy's action (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

WILSON WOULD BE GLAD IF HARDING CALLED

President Wilson will be very glad to receive President-elect Harding during the latter's stay in Washington on his return from Panama, it was announced at the White House today.

No indication was given, however, that the President-elect had signified his desire to call on the man he will succeed.

TWO BOYS STONE FATHER TO DEATH

LEXINGTON, Ky., Dec. 2.—Word reached here yesterday from McKee, Jackson county, of the most unusual murder ever committed in the mountains of Kentucky. Becham Smith, aged fourteen, and his brother, Carl, aged thirteen, are charged with having killed their father, Sidney Smith, by stoning him.

The three lived together in a little cabin far from the regular thoroughfares in that section. There is no indication that Smith ill-treated his sons, according to the meager reports from there. The boys are the youngest persons ever accused of murder in Kentucky.

SIX ARRESTED; FACE HANGING

Treason Conspiracy Charged Following Capture of Important Sinn Fein Papers.

GLASGOW, Dec. 2.—Six Irishmen were arrested here today on the charge of conspiring treason. The police announced the discovery of bombs, gelignite, and arms, in the men's rooms. A number of documents were seized also.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—Countess Markiewicz, M. P., one of the most prominent Sinn Fein leaders in Ireland, who was arraigned today before a court-martial charged with conspiracy and sedition, admitted while in jail that she had killed British army officers, according to the prosecutor in opening the state's case.

When the noon recess of court was taken the countess advanced to the president of the court-martial and, snapping her fingers under her nose, exclaimed: "That for your British justice."

The prosecutor alleged that the countess was organizing boy scouts in Ireland for the purpose of murder.

The court was under heavy guard. Soldiers with fixed bayonets stood about the room and formed a cordon around the entrance. The prisoner has been ill and was accompanied by nurses.

By DANIEL O'CONNELL, International News Service.

DUBLIN, Dec. 2.—The British government contemplates an extension of the military curfew order throughout the whole southwestern part of Ireland, prohibiting people from leaving their homes at night, it was learned today.

NOW IN ALL CITIES.

Virtually all the important Irish cities are now under curfew regulations forbidding people from appearing on the streets after 10 o'clock at night.

The chief reason for the extension of the curfew order is said to be the failure of the British police to capture important leaders of the Sinn Fein army who were caught.

The government has begun to try the hundreds of newly arrested Sinn Fein prisoners by court-martial. Two of the prisoners who were acquitted late Wednesday were rearrested as they were leaving court.

Isaac Kelly, son of the lord mayor of Dublin, was arrested during the night.

More than twenty additional arrests were made in this city by Black and Tan policemen on Wednesday. Street cars and automobiles were halted and searched and pedestrians were held up in the streets.

DAUGHERTY HERE AS HARDING FORERUNNER

Harry M. Daugherty, pre-convention manager of Senator Harding and one of the foremost of the advisers of the President-elect, arrived in Washington today to confer with various Republican leaders.

While in Washington, Mr. Daugherty, among other things, is getting the lay of the land with reference to the inaugural chairmanship. He is also talking with leaders in Congress about the legislative program and about patronage and other problems ahead of Mr. Harding.

It was stated today in thoroughly well-informed quarters that the inaugural chairmanship will be settled by Mr. Harding when he is here next week.

FIRST photograph published in Washington of 'Black and Tan' Police or Auxiliaries to the Royal Irish Constabulary, who are fighting Sinn Fein. This delegation is being inspected preliminary to going on patrol duty in the streets of Dublin.



CONFESSION WRUNG FROM AUTO BANDIT

Prisoner Implicates Six Other Members of Band—Five Are Captured.

In a statement to Constable Thomas V. Garrison yesterday at Hyattsville jail, Roy Warren, colored, of this city, admitted that he was implicated in the hold-up early Friday morning of three automobiles on the Washington-Baltimore road, about four miles from Hyattsville. He implicated six other men, five of whom have been caught. One of them is a white man who gave the name of Gus Houlder.

TWO CAUGHT IN D. C.

Warren and Alfred Armes were caught in this city and were later taken to Hyattsville by Constable Garrison. James Slaughter, Beaver Minor, Lloyd Monroe and Houlder were arrested near Belair, Md., after the sheriff and three deputies held them up with rifles. The four men in a high-powered car were seen to be trailing other cars on the Washington-Baltimore road, and the sheriff became suspicious. He summoned three deputies and, all armed with rifles, gave chase. It was learned that they were wanted in connection with the hold-up of three machines near Hyattsville, and Prince Georges county authorities are trying to get custody of them. They are charged at Belair with violating traffic regulations, and also with having firearms in their possession. Several pistols were found in the car following the arrest.

VICTIM TELLS OF HOLD-UP.

E. J. Maloy, Jr., of this city, complained to Inspector Clifford L. Grant, chief of detectives, that his party in three automobiles while returning from a Thanksgiving celebration at Harwood, Md., had been held up. He said that two of the machines were running close to each other some distance ahead of his car. He said he had noticed two large touring cars trailing him for some distance but did not think they contained hold-up men.

When about four miles this side of Hyattsville, a large Packard car sped by all three of the machines and, when in front of the first car, began to slow down. The first two machines had almost come to a stop when suddenly several colored men leaped into the road from the Packard car and pointing pistols through the windshields, commanded the operators to halt. They then searched the cars for liquor and, not finding any, permitted the party to proceed. Maloy's car was halted by a second car that pulled up directly in his path. His car also was searched.

Constable Garrison will go to Bel Air today to ask for the custody of the four captives there. He will charge all of the men with attempted highway robbery.

The police here are of the opinion (Continued on Page 2, Column 5.)

TROOPS SHELL ITALY'S SHIPS

D'Annunzio's Men Fire on Vessels Off Fiume—Transport Reported Sunk.

MILAN, Dec. 2.—During a demonstration by Italian warships off Fiume, Gabriele d'Annunzio's troops fired upon the warships with rifles, said a dispatch from Fiume today. The transport Cottelazzo, of d'Annunzio's "fleet," is reported to have been sunk at the entrance to the Fiume harbor.

MAY DECLARE WAR.

D'Annunzio, military dictator of Fiume, is threatening to make formal declaration of war against Italy, effective tomorrow, if the Rome government upholds General Cavaglia's blockade of Fiume, said a dispatch from Fiume today.

D'Annunzio has sent wireless instructions to the representative of his government at Rome to return to Fiume tomorrow unless the Italian government backs down. General Cavaglia, commander of the government troops in Istria that are blockading Fiume, has warned d'Annunzio's legionnaires to retire from the islands of Arbe and Veglia, which they recently seized in defiance of Rome's wishes.

A desperate situation has been created on the Adriatic littoral by the attitude of Gabriele d'Annunzio, the firebrand poet-warrior of Italy. His threats are menacing the treaty which was recently negotiated by Italy and Jugoslavia settling the future status of Fiume and other disputed territory on the Adriatic.

The mayor of Fiume has addressed a letter to the press denouncing the Rapallo treaty (between Italy and Jugoslavia) and demanding annexation of Fiume by Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 2.—Gabriele d'Annunzio's insurgent forces at Fiume have sunk the cruiser Coriellano at the mouth of the Fiume harbor to prevent the Italian Adriatic fleet from entering the port, said a Central News dispatch from Rome today.

An earlier dispatch from Milan reported the sinking of "the transport Coriellano" at the mouth of the Fiume harbor, but gave no further details.

QUADRUPLETS BORN TO UTAH FARMER'S WIFE

SALT LAKE CITY, Utah, Dec. 2.—Mrs. Vina Knight, wife of a farmer at Plain City, Utah, gave birth to four children, three boys and a girl, last night. Two of the children died a few hours after birth. Dr. George Baker, of Ogden, says he thinks the other two will live.

HARDING MAY MEET WILSON ON LEAGUE

President-Elect Willing to Confer With White House if Invited.

By DAVID M. CHURCH, International News Service.

ON BOARD STEAMSHIP PASTORES, Dec. 2. (by wireless)—

President-elect Harding has signified his willingness to confer with President Wilson upon the League of Nations upon the former's arrival in Washington next week, but will not seek a conference at the White House unless the President expresses a desire for it.

MAKING GOOD TIME.

Better weather prevails and the Pastores is making good time. If the steamship arrives at Norfolk in time, the President-elect will speak at a Chamber of Commerce luncheon at Newport News Saturday afternoon. He will attend a reception later and speak at a banquet in Norfolk on Saturday night. In his speech at the Liks memorial at Bedford, Va., the President-elect is expected to pay tribute to the American soldier dead.

President-elect Harding expects to be in Washington on Monday when Congress convenes. He will immediately confer with Senator Lodge and others to arrange preliminary plans for the forthcoming League of Nations conference.

WILL VISIT SENATE.

Mr. Harding will visit the Senate and probably will be invited to speak, outlining his plans. During his stay in Washington, the President-elect and Mrs. Harding will likely be guests of the McLean family.

Mrs. Harding appeared on deck today after being confined to her cabin by bad weather. She watched the President-elect playing deck games.

BARRACKS AT CAMP DIX DESTROYED BY FLAMES

WRIGHTS TOWN, N. J., Dec. 2.—Fire early today destroyed the barracks of the motor transport corps at Camp Dix, causing a loss of many valuable papers and personal effects of the soldiers. A score of men in the building at the time escaped without injury.

The prompt action of the camp's fire department prevented the fire spreading to other buildings.

The fire started, it is said, when a stove exploded after oil had been poured into it.

FRENCH GRIP EPIDEMIC LAID TO FILTHY "LUCRE"

PARIS, Dec. 2.—The epidemic of Spanish grip in a milder form than the usual run of the disease, which is now sweeping through France, is blamed by the doctors on the recent enormous increases in the amount of paper money in circulation.

DEATH BULLET WOUNDS CHILD

Ball Passed Through Infant's Arm and Strikes Woman Ill in Bed.

SERVANT BELIEVED INSANE

Declared She Was General Pershing As She Fired Fatal Shots.

Mrs. Mollie Beckerman, thirty-four years old, was killed and her eighteen-month-old daughter Annie was wounded shortly before noon today, when a negro woman shot them as they lay in bed at the Beckerman home, 707 Four-and-a-half street southwest.

Lelia E. Wilson, colored, a servant in the Beckerman home, who is said to reside at 2323 Ninth street northwest, is locked up at the Fourth precinct station house, and will be charged with the shooting. It is believed that the servant went suddenly insane.

SAME BULLET HIT BOTH.

Mrs. Beckerman was shot through the chest and died on the way to Emergency Hospital. The baby was shot through the left arm just above the elbow, and the police believe that the same bullet that wounded the baby killed the mother.

The Wilson woman was washing clothes on the ground floor of the home, where the four other children of Mrs. Beckerman were playing, when she suddenly shouted:

"I am General Pershing and I am going to kill the Kaiser."

POLICEMAN CAPTURES NEGRESS.

Policeman Moses Jacobs was near Sixth and F streets southwest when he noticed the Wilson woman running down the street shouting. He stopped her, and as he did so she made an attempt to pull the revolver from a handbag she carried.

Before she was able to use it Policeman Jacobs disarmed her and took her to the Fourth precinct station house. She told the police at the station house that "The Lord told me to kill the Kaiser. General Pershing could not do it, so I wanted to do it."

She admitted to the police that she bought the revolver yesterday for \$7.50.

She also told the police that she knew Mrs. Beckerman was a holy woman, but that she, too, had been annoyed by the Lord.

HUSBAND IN HOUSE.

David Beckerman, husband of the slain woman, was home at the time and he rushed from the house and summoned a policeman. The policeman sent in a call for the ambulance from Emergency Hospital, and the mother and her baby were taken there. The mother died on the way, and the baby is still at the hospital where it is expected that it will recover. The bullet went through the fleshy part of the baby's arm and just grazed the bone.

After the shooting the Beckerman home presented a scene of sorrow. The four children left alone in the house, wept bitterly for their mother and neighbors were unable to comfort them.

The four children are Harry, thirteen years old, Jessie, eleven years old, Mollie, six years old, and Maurice, four years old.

The father of the children, David Beckerman, recently sold his grocery store on Georgia avenue northwest and moved to the southwest house with his family.

JAPAN BUYS NEW CARTRIDGE FROM GERMANY

By KARL H. VON WIEGAND.

BERLIN, Dec. 2.—The Japanese, who have had a special detail of army officers in Berlin studying the German "war machine" that was, especially the German war office, and its methods of industrial organization and mobilization for war purposes, have purchased the patents to a new German war invention—the "shell-less cartridge."

It is named the "Lehmann cartridge," after the inventor. It consists of a rifle and machine gun bullet which has the powder charge directly in the bullet and requires no shell around it. The claim is made for it that rifles and machine guns can be made lighter and the rapidity of the fire greatly increased.

WILL YOU Be a Good Fellow?

Many Chances Offered Big-Hearted Joy Dispensers to Alleviate Sorrow and Sadness This Christmas—Needy Old Folk Are Numerous.

Who is going to provide a merry Christmas for the needy old folk listed with The Washington Times as facing a cheerless Yuletide unless some generous hearted persons play Santa Claus to them?

Why, the Good Fellows, of course. The Good Fellows did last year and they are manifesting an eagerness to do the same thing this year.

While the Good Fellow movement was inaugurated by The Washington Times primarily to prevent the tragedy of the empty stocking on Christmas morning, there are so many cases of needy old folk and their stories are so pathetic that the Good Fellows will have to take these forlorn and dejected elderly men and women under their wings.

Last year the members of churches, Sunday schools, Boy Scouts, and other organizations lined up as Good Fellows and cheer dispensers, and they are being urged today to stand muster this Christmas.

Although each day brings to the Good Fellow Department a considerable number of men, women, and children willing to take one or more

families under their wing, the list of needy is still long and more Good Fellows are needed now. Among the Good Fellows joining up today was a wounded soldier at Walter Reed Hospital, who wrote:

"I am pretty badly bungled up and (Continued on Page 2, Column 4.)"

GOOD FELLOWS!

Here's a form for you to fill out if you will aid in stating your plans for helping the poor, the aged, and the ill. If you will be a Good Fellow on Christmas to some family in Washington please fill out the attached blank and send it to "The Times Good Fellow Department."

I will be a good fellow to persons or families (as many as you wish). Please give me names of persons in.....

(State what section of city you prefer to have assigned to you).

My name Address Telephone